Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, after the title, please insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, between lines 8 and 9, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 9, lines 5-26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The quotient r_v is originally the ratio of the sum of the volumes per unit area of the two plastic layers 2 and 3 to the volume per unit area of the textile ply. In the Formula (I) for the quotient r_v, V_B denotes the volume per unit area of the layered composite in the conveyor belt according to the invention. In the simplest case V_B can be measured directly as total thickness of the layered composite (volume / area = thickness). This is then the case, if the layered composite has a negligible amount of air pockets on the interface between one of the plastic layers 2 or 3 and the textile ply (e.g. 2 vol% or less). Good separation resistances between the layers~~, such as those which are required in claim 6,~~ are an indication of such a low fraction of air pockets. V_B can also be derived of course from the sum of the volumes per unit area of the plastic layers 2 and 3 and the volume per unit area of the textile ply. The ρ_T in Formula (I) denotes the density (in kg/m^3) of the textile ply contained in the layered composite and GT the weight per unit area (in kg/m^2) of the textile ply contained in the layered composite. "Density ρ_T" of the textile ply is to be understood as the average density of the material out of which the threads or fibres of the textile ply consist.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27, and ending on page 10, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In those cases where the conveyor belt according to the invention consists solely of the layered composite ~~as defined in claim 1~~, V_B can be specified directly as the volume per unit area

of the conveyor belt itself. If the conveyor belt has~~, as well as the layered composite as defined in claim 1,~~ additional layers and/or top coatings (see below), these can be ground or polished away before the determination of V_B.--

Page 15, between lines 17 and 18, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 16, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.